

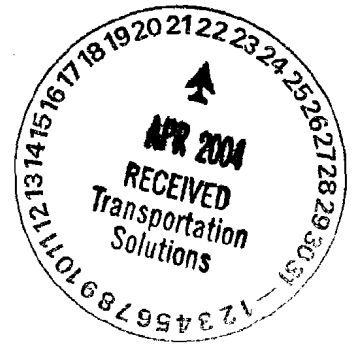
ENCLOSURE 2

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WANAMAKER BUILDING, 100 PENN SQUARE EAST
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107-3390

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Regulatory Branch
Application Section II

SUBJECT: CENAP-OP-R-200300716-24



Mr. Daniel R. Griffith
Delaware State Historic Preservation Office
21 The Green, Suite A
Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear Mr. Griffith:

This is in regard to a proposal by the Delaware Department of Transportation to develop a park and storm water management facility in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The project site is located at the intersection of Limestone Road (Route 7) and Valley Road. The proposed project will require Federal authorization in the form of a Department of the Army permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., including Federally regulated wetlands. Ms. Gwenyth A. Davis of your office is familiar with the proposed plans for this project.

A permit application has not yet been received by this office. However, the applicant has requested that we initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The purpose of this letter is to: 1) initiate the consultation with your office; 2) inform you of the limits of our permit area for the consultation; 3) inform you of potentially eligible resources within the permit area; 4) inform you of the outside parties we intend to invite to participate in the consultation; and 5) notify you of our intent to authorize the applicant to act as our agent in the consultation.

In this case, the Corps' permit area would include: 1) the area of a proposed interceptor pipe and storm water basin on the west side of Route 7; 2) the proposed storm water basin on the east side of Route 7; 3) the outlet system from the basin and the proposed wetland mitigation and stream relocation; and 4) the proposed ball field and parking lot adjacent to Valley Road.

Based on preliminary coordination with the applicant and your office, we have determined that there are two (2) resources within this permit area, which are potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The first resource is the Tweeds Tavern on the west side of Route 7. This structure has been treated as eligible in the past, although it

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was previously relocated to its current site. The second is an early to mid-twentieth century dwelling, which meets the age criteria, but has not been formally evaluated for eligibility. There is an existing mushroom house near the dwelling. However, based upon coordination with your office, it does not appear that this structure is eligible for listing.

We propose to invite the following parties to participate in the consultation: 1) New Castle County Department of Land Use; 2) Hockessin Historical Society; and 3) Preservation Delaware, Incorporated. Please let us know if you concur with these parties.

We intend to authorize the applicant to act on our behalf in the consultation. This will allow the Delaware Department of Transportation to gather comments from the consulting parties and prepare draft documents, such as a Memorandum of Agreement, if required.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact James N. Boyer of my office at (215) 656-5826 or write to the above address.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Cianfrani
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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